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WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO SEE...

U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING: First Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenue *Phone: (202) 225-6827*

Tours are available Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tours begin every fifteen minutes with the last tour of the day beginning at 4:15 p.m. Tours are conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets are distributed each day beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol. Reservations can be made through Congressional offices. The Capitol will be open on all Federal Holidays, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING: 14th and C Streets, SW *Phone: (202) 874-2330* See how US currency is printed and examined. Sorry, no free samples! During the peak season, tickets are required for all tours from the first Monday in March through the last Friday in August, on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket booth is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). They offer same day tickets only. The ticket booth opens at 8:00 a.m. – Monday through Friday, and closes when all tickets have been distributed. During non-peak season, you may line up at the Visitor's entrance on 14th Street. Please allow 45-50 minutes from the time you enter the building until the end of your tour. Guided tours are available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. during the months between October and March. From June to August, guided tours are also available M-F from 5:00 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The tour runs approximately 40 minutes. Closed weekends and federal holidays, and December 24 through January 4. Tours can also be arranged through Congressman Kirk's Office. *Smithsonian Metro Stop

THE WHITE HOUSE: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW *Phone: (202) 456-7041* The White House has resumed tours but only to groups of 10 or more. All requests for a tour must be submitted through a Member of Congress. Tour requests may be submitted up to six months in advance, but no later than two weeks prior to the tour. Tours will be scheduled Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. All attendees aged 14 and above will be required to submit their name, date of birth, social security number and country of origin to their congressional office. Attendees under the age of 14 will only need to submit their name, date of birth, and country of origin. Additions to the group may not be made after the request has been submitted to the White House. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: handbags, bookbags, backpacks, purses, food and beverages of any kind, strollers, cameras, video recorders, or any type of recording device, tobacco products, personal grooming items (make up, hair brush or comb, lip or hand lotions, etc.) any pointed objects (pens, knitting needles, etc.) aerosol containers, guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size.

THE WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER: SE corner of 15th and E Streets, NW *Phone: (202) 456-2200* Featuring exhibits on White House history, its architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, and relations with the press and world leaders, the Center is open 7 days a week, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Visitor Center also offers a thirty-minute educational video which is recommended before taking the public tour. Allow 20 minutes to one hour to explore the exhibits.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES: 8th and Constitution Avenue, NW *Phone: (202) 501-5402* The permanent home of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:45 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturdays from 8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The National Archives is closed on Sundays. *Archives Metro Stop

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: First Street and Independence Avenue, SE *Phone: (202) 707-5458* *World's* largest library, begun with a collection of books donated by Thomas Jefferson. Tours leave from the Information Desk at the Carriage Entrance in the Jefferson Building, Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Groups over ten should make reservations in advance. Closed to the public on Sundays and federal holidays. *Capitol South Metro Stop

SUPREME COURT: 1st Street and Maryland Avenue, NE *Phone: (202) 479-3211* Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Federal holidays. Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. when the court is not in session. *Capitol South Metro

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: Memorial Drive, Arlington, Virginia Open daily October through March from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and April through September from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Amphitheater, the Curtis-Lee Mansion and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier takes place every hour on the hour. *Arlington Cemetery Metro Stop

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: 9th and E Street, NW *Phone (202) 324-3447* FBI tours is undergoing extensive renovations and is closed until further notice.

US HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW *Phone: (202) 488-0400* The museum memorializes the six million Jewish people along with gypsies, homosexuals and other political opponents of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich that were annihilated during the Holocaust. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Allow at least two hours to visit the museum. Tickets are free and available at the 14th Street entrance beginning at 10:00 a.m. or may be reserved in advance for a small fee by calling Protix (800) 400-9373, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Some exhibits require passes which may be obtained at the entrance. *Smithsonian Metro Stop

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM: 800 F Street, NW 202-393-7798 *Phone: (202)EYE-SPY U* One of the Congressman's favorite tours! The International Spy Museum is open from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. April through August, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. August through October, and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. October through March, and is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission for this privately-owned museum is: Adults \$13.00, Seniors \$12.00, Children \$10.00 ((K-12), Children Free (under 5). Last tickets sold 1 hour before closing. *Gallery Place/China Town Metro Stop

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM: 2 Massachusetts Avenue. NE. *Phone: (202) 633-5555.* Located immediately across the street from Union Station, this museum houses the nation's postal history and philatelic collection, the largest of its kind in the world. It will delight children of all ages with its displays of priceless stamps that introduce the mail service in Colonial times and during the Civil War. The museum houses a unique collection of airmail planes, stagecoaches, rare stamps and letters, and a Pony Express exhibit. The museum is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30[p.m. *Union Station Metro Stop

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: *Phone: (202) 416-8340.* New Hampshire and Rock Creek Parkway, NW *Phone (202) 416-8341* Tours are given Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on weekends from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tours leave from the Tour Desk on Level A, and last approximately 45 minutes. *Foggy Bottom/GW University Metro Stop

MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

- **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial:** Corner of 12th Street and Independence Ave. *Phone (202) 432-SEAT.* West Potomac Park, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River. Located along the famous Cherry Tree Walk on the Western edge of the Tidal Basin near the National Mall, this is a memorial not only to FDR, but also to the era he represents. The memorial traces twelve years of American history through a sequence of four outdoor rooms, each one devoted to one of FDR's terms in office. Open all year from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily except Christmas Day. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Jefferson Memorial:** 15th Street on the Tidal Basin, SW *Phone: (202) 426-6841* This dome-shaped rotunda erected in 1942 honors the nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson. Rangers are on site and the small museum and shop is open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. At the Swan Boathouse, you can rent a pedal boat to cruise the Basin. Located near the famous Japanese cherry trees, which come into full bloom during the early spring. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Vietnam Veterans Memorial:** Corner of 23rd and I Streets. Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW. *Phone: (202) 432-SEAT.* Constructed to honor all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. As a special tribute to those who did not return, the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives or who remain missing are inscribed in the Memorial's black granite walls. Open 24 hours daily from 8:00a.m. until 11:45p.m. *Foggy Bottom Metro Stop
- **Washington Monument:** 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW *Phone (202) 426-6841* A spectacular view of the city awaits you at the top of this majestic obelisk, one of the tallest masonry structures in the world. It is the centerpiece of the National Mall, a monument memorializing our first president, George Washington. It was dedicated in 1885, taking 40 years to complete due to lack of funding. The Washington Monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are required to ascend the monument by elevator and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8:30 a.m. for the day of issue only. The ticket kiosk is located east of the monument, at 15th Street and Madison Drive. Advanced tickets may be purchased at <http://reservations.nps.gov> or by calling 1-800-967-2283, for a \$1.50 convenience service charge per ticket, plus a \$.50 handling charge per order. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **U.S. Navy Memorial:** 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 123. *Phone: (202) 737-2608* Open from 9:30a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Saturday. Winter schedule: close Sunday and Monday.

- **National World War II Memorial:** 17th Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues. *Phone: (202) 619-7222* The most recently dedicated memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Open to visitors 24h a day, seven days a week. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Korean War Memorial:** West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd Street, NW Located on the National Mall across from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Can be viewed 24 hours daily with tours every hour from 8:00 a.m. until midnight upon request from the park ranger.
- **Lincoln Memorial:** West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd, NW *Phone: (202) 426-6895* Located on the West end of the National Mall, this massive, open air memorial was dedicated in 1922 in memory of Abraham Lincoln. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. The chamber containing Lincoln's statue is open 24 hours a day. *Foggy Bottom Metro Stop

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE: *Phone: (202) 357-2700* Museums are open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Air & Space Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Smithsonian Castle from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Extended summer hours are determined annually.

- **National Air and Space Museum:** 7th Street and Independence Avenue, SW. The world's most popular museum, displaying the Wright Brothers' plane, The Spirit of St. Louis, the Apollo 11 command module and several other interesting exhibits. "Living Planet" and "To Fly" shown daily from 10:15 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. at 40 minute intervals.
- **National Museum of Natural History:** 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. *Phone: (202) 633-1000.* Open every day of the year except December 25. Regular museum hours are 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Smithsonian Castle:** 10th Street and 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW. *Phone: (202) 633-1000.* The institution's first building, which is now the Visitor Information Center. Open from 8:30a.m. to 5:30pm. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Art and Industries Building:** 9th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW. The dynamic spirit of America 100 years ago is recaptured in this, the second oldest Smithsonian building on this Mall. It was used for President James Garfield's inaugural ball in 1881 and today houses "1876: A Centennial Exhibition." The Arts and Industries Building has a special role among Smithsonian buildings, as the original home of the National Museum. Designed in a High Victorian style by the Washington architectural firm of Cluss and Schultze, it opened in 1881 in time for the inaugural ball of President James A. Garfield. The building's exhibition halls are currently closed in preparation for renovation. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Museum of History and Technology:** 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW. Highlights include the First Ladies gowns, George Washington's uniform and tent, and milestones of American invention: Bell's telephone, Ford's Model-T and Whitney's model of the original cotton gin.
- **Anacostia Museum and Center for African-American History and Culture:** 1901 Fort Place, SE. *Phone: (202) 633-4820.* Open from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. except December 25 and during exhibition installation. As the Smithsonian institution's museum of the African American history and culture, the Museum explores American history, society, and creative expression from an African American perspective. *Anacosita Metro Stop

ART GALLERIES IN WASHINGTON

- **The National Gallery of Art:** Located on the National Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets at Constitution Ave., NW. *Phone: (202) 737-4215* Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. and Sunday from 11:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1 The main building and I.M. Pei's magnificent eat building house the

nation's art treasures and are connected by an underground concourse. The National Gallery encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tours of the East Building leave from the East Building Information Desk Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on weekends at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Tours of the West Building leave from the rotunda Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 pm. And on weekends at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Smithsonian Metro Stop

- **Freer Gallery of Art:** 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW. *Phone: (202) 633-4880* A gift to the Smithsonian Institute, this museum features Far and Near East art works, some dating back 2,000 years. Open from 10:00 to 5:30p.m.. *Smithsonian Metro Stop
- **Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden:** 7th Street and Independence Avenue, SW. *Phone: (202) 633-4674.* Open daily from 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. Filled with art from all over the world, the Hirshhorn features contemporary painting and sculpture from the past 125 years.
- **National Museum of African Art:** 950 Independence Avenue, SW. The newest of the Smithsonian museums, it features the finest American collection of African art, in addition to American art influenced by African styles. *Smithsonian metro Stop
- **National Portrait Gallery:** 8th Street and F Street, NW. *Phone: (202) 275-1738* The National Portrait Gallery is currently closed for a multiyear renovation. When the museum reopens on July 1, 2006, it will feature 30 percent more exhibition space, redesigned with contemporary interactive displays, a visible conservation lab, an auditorium, and an enclosed courtyard. This museum showcases the paintings of prominent Americans by American artists. Be sure to visit the President's Gallery.
- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:** 1050 Independence Avenue, SW. *Phone: (202) 633-4880.* Open from 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. *Smithsonian Metro Stop

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

- **FORD'S THEATER AND LINCOLN MUSEUM:** 10th Street between E and F Streets, NW *Phone: (202) 426-6924* Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends and federal holidays. Tours leave every 20-25 minutes and last approximately one hour. Reservations are necessary for groups of 15 or more. *Metro Center Stop
- **GEORGETOWN:** Wisconsin Avenue and M Street, West of Rock Creek Park. Historic area in northwest Washington, renowned for its distinguished architecture, diverse restaurants, extensive shopping and vibrant nightclubs. Located here are the Old Stone House (the city's oldest house), the C&O Canal, historic St. John's Church, Georgetown University and Dumbarton Oaks. *Foggy Bottom Metro Stop
- **NATIONAL AQUARIUM:** 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW (In the basement of the Department of Commerce) *Phone: (202) 482-2825* Established in 1873, this is the nation's oldest public aquarium. Observe tanks of fish, frogs, alligators, sharks, and listen to regularly held lectures. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The last admission is at 4:30 p.m. There is an admission charge of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 2-10. A self-guided tour will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. the sharks are fed, and on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. the piranhas are fed. *Federal Triangle Metro Stop
- **TOURMOBILE SIGHTSEEING:** 1000 Ohio Drive, SW *Phone: (202) 554-5100* A concessionaire of The National Park Service, these specially-designed trams operate sightseeing tours along The National Mall and in nearby Northern Virginia. The standard DC tour makes 25 stops and provides free reboarding throughout the day. *Union Station Metro Stop
- **OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF WASHINGTON:** Union Station *Phone: (202) 832-9800* An ideal way to see the sights of DC. Old Town Trolleys travel through Washington on a

continuous loop, making 19 stops to points of interest such as the White House, Georgetown, and Arlington Cemetery. The driver/guide provides narrative and a great overview of the city's storied history. The tour lasts approximately two hours and 15 minutes if you stay onboard, but you may also get off at any stop and reboard at your convenience (30 minute intervals). *Union Station Metro Stop

- **UNION STATION:** Massachusetts Avenue between 1st and 2nd Streets, NE *Phone: (202) 682-0079* A busy train station served by Amtrak, the MARC rail and the DC Metro. The Station is also noted for its majestic architecture, abundant shopping, diverse food court, and large movie theater. Three sightseeing companies sell tickets for their city tours at the entrance. Open from 10:00a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **THE IMF, OAS AND WORLD BANK:** 720 19th Street NW, 17th Street & Constitution Ave., NW and 1818 H Street, NW. *Farragut West Metro Stop
- **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON:** Mount Vernon was the beloved home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriage in 1759 until General Washington's death in 1799. He worked tirelessly to expand his plantation from 2,000 acres to 8,000 and the mansion house from six rooms to twenty one. Open every day of the year. April through August, 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m., March, September and October, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. and November through February, 9:00am.m to 4:00p.m. *Huntington Metro Stop + Fairfax Connector bus to Mount Vernon
- **HILLWOOD MUSEUMS AND GARDENS:** 4155 Linnean Ave., NW. *Phone: (202) 686-5807.* Experience the world of Russian imperial and French decorative arts displayed in the grand setting conceived by Hillwood's founder, Marjorie Merriweather Post, heir of the Post cereal empire. Surrounded by woodlands in the heart of Washington, D.C., the 25 acres estate boasts a variety a pleasure gardens. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5p.m. Admission is: Adults \$12, Children (6-18) \$5. *Van Ness/UDC Metro Stop.